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SUBJECT:DRUG ABUSE SPECIALIST

OCTOBER 19 TO NOVEMBER 16, 1975

INFO: TO BUD HENSGEN

1. CU HAS LEARNED THAT DR. DAVID LEWIS, M.D., 40, WILL BE IN CARACAS AT EXPENSE OF GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA SEPTEMBER 29 TO OCTOBER 1 AS MAJOR CONSULTANT TO GOV ON DRUG ABUSE, AND ASKED HIM WHETHER HE MIGHT CONSIDER VISITING BOGOTA AFTERWARD IF POST IS INTERESTED. HE IS INDEED AVAILABLE EVENING OCTOBER 1 AND ALL DAY OCTOBER 2 AND POSSIBLY OCTOBER 3. HE WOULD EXPECT 30-40 DOLS PER DIEM AND ROUND-TRIP TRANSPORTATION CARACAS TO BOGOTA FROM POST GOE FUND IF POST WANTS TO PROGRAM HIM. FEDEX FOUNDATION, MAIN GOVERNMENT-PRIVATE FUNDER OF DRUG ABUSE PROGRAMS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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VENEZUELA, IS PAYING FOR HIS VISIT TO CARACAS. HE WILL

NEED AN INTERPRETER, SINCE HIS SPANISH IS NOT ADEQUATE.

2. HE SEEMS EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR POST TO CONSIDER FOR CONSULTATION WITH SMALL GROUP OF COLOMBIAN DRUG ABUSE LEADERS OR OTHER PROGRAM POST DESIRES.

3. DR. LEWIS'S MANY CURRENT TITLES AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDE FOLLOWING: FACULTY MEMBER, LABORATORY OF COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRY, HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL; PHYSICIAN-IN-CHIEF AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, WASHINGTONIAN CENTER FOR ADDICTIONS, BOSTON; MEDICAL DIRECTOR, KENMORE SQUARE ALCOHOLISMS TREATMENT UNIT, BOSTON; PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, STUDY ON NARCOTIC ANTAGONISTS, WASHINGTONIAN CENTER FOR ADDICTIONS; ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE, HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL; CHAIRMAN, MAYOR'S COORDINATING COUNCIL ON DRUG ABUSE, BOSTON. HE HAS ALSO BEEN (AND MAY POSSIBLY REMAIN, DEPENDING ON APPOINTMENTS AFTER THE ELECTIONS) CHIEF CONSULTANT, YOUTH HEALTH PROGRAMS, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE, VENEZUELA.

4. HIS CONTACT IN CARACAS IS ROBERTA FLEISCHMAN, HEAD, EDEX; OFFICE PHONE 763353; RESIDENCE 914970.

5. FOR CARACAS:NARCOTICS COORDINATOR:RE YOUR 9589 YOU ALSO MAY WANT TO CONSULT WITH DR. LEWIS WITH REGARD TO YOUR INTERESTS CONCERNING REQUEST FOR EXPERT STATISTICIAN TO ASSIST INTER MINISTERIAL DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT SURVEY NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN VENEZUELA. WE WOULD CONSULT WITH DR. LEWIS ON HIS RETURN TO DETERMINE SPECIFIC NEED OF COMMISSION AS INDICATED IN REFTEL. KISSINGER

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